

because the Republicans want to deny women access to comprehensive health care—7 days away from a government shutdown—and we have no solution to keep our government funded and running.

We have radio silence on how to strengthen our middle class, build bigger paychecks for all Americans, and invest our infrastructure.

In light of this Republican Congress' dysfunction, just this week, General Electric announced that, because of the "political debate over America's global competitiveness and the future of the Export-Import Bank," it is shifting 500 manufacturing jobs out of the U.S.

As a representative of Silicon Valley, I know that manufacturing jobs, such as those at GE, are the foundation to reversing income inequality and igniting innovation.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot hold our government and our American livelihood hostage. I call upon my Republican colleagues to stop pulling a Kim Davis and do your job.

#### NEW JERSEY'S CONFECTIONARY INDUSTRY

(Mr. GARRETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize an industry that has a large and very delicious impact on my home district in the Fifth District of New Jersey. I, of course, am talking about New Jersey's confectionary manufacturers.

I am proud to see New Jersey products in stores, not only throughout the State and the country, but around the world. The Fifth District's own Promotion in Motion and M&M Mars have contributed to countless fond memories of enjoying candy at sports games, movie theaters, and birthday parties; but the confectionary industry provides even more than just tasty treats.

In New Jersey and throughout the country, this industry is an economic driver comprised of family-owned businesses employing tens of thousands of employees across the State and across the country.

No doubt, New Jersey is a sweeter place thanks to the candy manufacturers that call our State of New Jersey home.

#### CONCERNING THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Members, here we are, 2 weeks away from another potential shutdown of the government.

Do my Republican friends know how silly it sounds to threaten shutting down the entire government over a manufactured crisis for funding that does not even go to abortions?

Current law already withholds Federal funding from covering a woman's abortion, except in cases of extreme limited circumstances. To gamble with valuable Federal programs should be embarrassing.

Here are just a few examples of programs that will be affected if the GOP pursues a strategy that I doubt they would want to see happen.

The GOP shutdown would mean that the Centers for Disease Control would be unable to support the annual seasonal influenza program.

The GOP shutdown means we rely more on foreign energy as the issuance of permits for energy production on Federal lands stop. I certainly know my Republican colleagues wouldn't want to see that happen.

Head Start centers around the country would close. During fiscal year 2014, an estimated 1,600 Head Start agencies served over 927,000 children, including 71,000 in Texas. Apparently, our children are okay to target in a political debate.

Under the GOP shutdown, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives would be affected; and gun permits will not be processed.

We could be using this time to debate the extension of valuable programs like the Export-Import Bank or the highway trust fund, but instead, we are going through the same theatrics we went through 2 years ago, which accomplished nothing.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to be reasonable and pass a clean continuing resolution so Congress can get back to work doing what the American people sent us here to do.

#### QUESTIONS FOR TONIGHT'S DEBATE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the good news of this place is a congratulations offered by my colleague just a few minutes ago to a 90-year-old lady who served in World War II and had never received a thank you.

Wouldn't it be a positive step to reflect on America and to be able to hold in this body positive things that shows the Congress working together? Yet, as has been mentioned, our colleagues want to defund Planned Parenthood and shut down the government.

I wonder whether or not, in this debate coming up, that any of the moderators will ask whether any of those debating will stand in shutting down the government. I wonder whether they will ask them whether they support voting rights and will support the restoration of the Voting Rights Act, like the Americans who walked 1,000 miles for justice.

I wonder whether or not, in fact, they would ask them whether they care anything about criminal justice reform and decriminalizing, if you will, this system where it has mass incarcer-

ation, children in jail, where it doesn't believe in rehabilitation for those who have served.

I wonder whether these individuals that have been making a lot of noise in front of the public who will be in the public eye all over America, Mr. Speaker, whether they will answer the real questions about America and bring us together.

Voting rights, health care for women, and making sure that we fix the criminal justice system, those are the questions that should be asked tonight.

#### LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to talk about the Land and Water Conservation Fund, our Nation's most important conservation and outdoor recreation program.

For more than 50 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has conserved our Nation's most cherished natural spaces and historic landmarks. This groundbreaking program, created and reauthorized on a strong bipartisan basis, has protected and expanded iconic landscapes in every State and is responsible for more than 40,000 State and local outdoor recreation projects, from playgrounds and baseball fields to urban parks and nature refuges.

By reinvesting revenues from offshore oil and gas development in communities across America, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has become "America's best parks program."

In my home State of Arizona, the fund has provided approximately \$223 million in funding to help preserve iconic places like the Grand Canyon, Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, and the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

Recently, I had the pleasure of joining National Park staff and students from Cholla High School, Desert View High School, and Pueblo High School for a day of appreciation at Saguaro National Park West. For many of the students that joined us on this visit, this was their first visit to Saguaro, despite it being a 15-minute drive from Tucson.

Saguaro officials have leveraged the Land and Water Conservation Fund funding to benefit Arizonans, the desert tortoise, Gila monsters, and other desert wildlife that call Saguaro home. Without it, our students would have had a smaller national park to experience, less to learn, and less to enjoy.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has preserved iconic sites like this all over the country. Our trip to Saguaro was hardly unique. These stories of discovery happen every day thanks to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.